(iii) construction of a new domestic terminal and renovation of the existing international terminal.

(d) and (e) Segregated mode of operation, wherein one runway is used for arrivals and the other runway for departures has started since 25th December, 2007 at the IGI Airport. It has greatly helped in timely operation of flight movements.

Merger of Air India and Indian Airlines

3703. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the merger of Air India and Indian Airlines is final;

(b) if so, the details of the merger and specially about the service condition, salary and other benefits of the officers and employess; and

(c) whether it is a fact that passengers, domestic and foreign tourists are using private airlines because the ticketing, checking, luggage handling and inside service is much better in private airlines in comparison to Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The legal process or merger of Air India and Indian Airlines into a new company called the National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) has been completed and the complete merger of the two airlines is likely to be achieved over the next 18 months. A new Board of NACIL has also been constituted on 18.9.2007. Due care has been given to the interest of the Employees in the Scheme of Amalgamation approved by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. All employees of the erstwhile Indian Airlines Limited and Air India Limited have become employees of NACIL without any breach or interruption of service and on the same terms and conditions than those applicable to them on the date of amalgamation. A 3 - tier Grievance Redressal Machinery has also been put into place to address employee grievances.

Maintenance unit for aircrafts

3704. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no unit for maintenance, repair and overhauling of aircrafts at present in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider setting up of such a unit in the country;

(c) whether Government has since identified any location for setting up the unit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities for aircraft are presently available in the country.

(b) to (d) Government per se does not have any plans to set up such a unit. However, the National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) has plans for setting up of MRO Joint Ventures with M/s. Boeing (at Nagpur) and Airbus. Besides, M/s. Lufthana and M/s. Hawker pacific have also proposed MROs at Hyderabad and Delhi respectively for various types of aircraft.